Structured, standards-driven approaches to technology and enterprise data management are the foundation for responsible information sharing that protects privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties. Standards provide a common lexicon to enable information exchanges.

The ISE Common Information Sharing Standards (CISS) program provides standards for technology implementation, information sharing processes, and products for the ISE. The CISS program focuses on two types of standards:

Functional standards

These standards are rules or guidelines for creating and sharing reports or other documents. An example of a functional standard developed by ISE mission partners is the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI). The ISE-SAR Functional Standard includes the business rules and formats for exchanging SARs that were agreed to both by operating organizations (frontline law enforcement) and privacy and civil liberties advocacy groups.

Technical standards

These standards are the schemas or frameworks that enable technical data exchanges between systems. Learn more by checking out blog posts about technical standards.

Links to ISE Guides and Best Practices:

- Performance Management
- Improving Protection while Expanding Access
- ISE Architecture Program
- Common Information Sharing Standards
- A Standards-Based Approach
- National Information Exchange Model (NIEM)
- Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Protection Framework

Other Resources

Performance Management

Improving Protection While Expanding A

Enterprise Architecture Framework Program

Performance Scenario Guide

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